

My Vocation Story

The following story narrates briefly my vocation. It was on Misima Island, Samarai Murua District, Milne Bay Province that I was born on the 21st of September 2000. I was the last born of three siblings in the family. We are all boys without a sister. Harry is my father and Colleen is my mother.

My vocation started when I finished my grade twelve (12) in 2020 at Misima Secondary School. I stayed with Fr. Samson for three months, and I observed how priests usually celebrate the liturgy. For that I used to recall how my parents narrated the story about the priests, brothers, and sisters.

On December 11th 2020, I met the Rogationist missionaries who came from Sudest, and Fr. Samson accommodated them in his house for a night. At that time I met Dominic Momo, the first seminarian of the Rogationists. He told me the story about how interesting it is to be a seminarian. At that moment I was a bit convinced, but not really, because I had no first holy communion and confirmation certificates.

Then one day when I was busy thinking of what would I be in the future, I had a phone call, and when I answered the call it was one of my best friends who left me and went to St. Hannibal Discernment Center in Sideia Island. He told me to go to Sideia, but I refused at the first. Then he kept on calling me and telling me the interesting work that they do on Sideia Island. But he didn't explain the purpose of being at Sideia Island. And then I decided to go to Sideia Island.

When I started my first days at St. Hannibal Discernment Center, my mind was occupied with many negative thoughts that made me confused. A few days later, I had a strange feeling that someone was calling me deep within my heart. As I moved on, I began to realize the importance of being a priest. On the 4th of April 2021 I received my first holy communion from my superior (Fr. Henry Ramos RCJ), and on the 29th of October 2021 I received my confirmation from our Bishop (Rolando Santo CM). I learned many things from my fellow seminarians, my priest, and the parishioners. The force inside me made me continue my journey of vocation to this date.